

## S H A

An overgrown estate falling into the hands of one that has many children, it is broken into so many portions as render the sharer rich enough.

You must have known it.

—Indeed I did, then favour'd by the kings,  
And by that means a sharer in the secret.

If, by taking on himself human nature at large, he hath a compassionate and tender sense of the infirmities of mankind in general, he must needs, in a peculiar manner, feel and commiserate the infirmities of the poor, in which he himself was so eminent a sharer.

I suffer many things as an author militant, whereof in your days of probation you have been a sharer.

SHARK. *n. f.* [*canis charchariat*, Latin.]  
1. A voracious sea-fish.

His jaws horridly arm'd with threefold fate,  
The direful shark.

2. A greedy artful fellow; one who fills his pockets by fly tricks.  
David's messengers are sent back to him, like so many sharks and runnagers, only for endeavouring to compliment an ill-natured out of itself, and seeking that by petition which they might have commanded by their sword.

3. Trick; fraud; petty rapine.  
Wretches who live upon the shark, and other mens fins, the common poisoners of youth, equally desperate in their fortunes and their manners, and getting their very bread by the damnation of souls.

To SHARK. *v. n.* To pick up basely or sily.  
Of unimproved mettle, hot and full,  
Hath in the skirts of Norway, here and there,  
Shar'd up a list of landless resolute.

1. To play the petty thief.  
The fly leads a lazy, voluptuous, scandalous, sharking life, hateful wherever he comes.

2. To cheat; to trick.  
There are cheats by natural inclination as well as by corruption: nature taught this boy to shark, not discipline.

3. To cheat; to trick.  
The old generous English spirit, which heretofore made this nation so great in the eyes of all the world, seems utterly extinct; and we are degenerated into a mean, sharking, fallacious, undermining converse, there being a snare and a trap almost in every word we hear, and every action we see.

SHARP. *adj.* [*reap*, Saxon; *scherp*, Dutch.]  
1. Keen; piercing; having a keen edge; having an acute point; not blunt.

She hath tied  
Sharp tooth'd unkindness like a vulture here.

In Ireland have I seen this stubborn Cade  
Oppose himself against a troop of kerns;  
And fought so long, till that his thighs with darts  
Were almost like a sharp quill'd porcupine.

2. Terminating in a point or edge; not obtuse.  
The form of their heads is narrow and sharp, that they may the better cut the air in their swift flight.

3. Terminating in a point or edge; not obtuse.  
There was seen some miles in the sea a great pillar of light, not sharp, but in form of a column or cylinder, rising a great way up towards heaven.

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To come near the point, and draw unto a sharper angle, they do not only speak and practise truth, but really desire its enlargement.

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Their embryon atoms  
Light arm'd or heavy, sharp, smooth, light or slow.

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It is so much the firmer by how much broader the bottom and sharper the top.

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In shipping such as this, the Irish kern,  
And untaught Indian, on the stream did glide,  
Ere sharp keel'd boats to stem the flood did learn,  
Or fin-like oars did spread from either side.

8. Keen; piercing; having a keen edge; having an acute point; not blunt.  
Now as fine in his apparel as if he would make me in love with a cloak, and verse for verse with the sharpest witted lover in Arcadia.

9. Keen; piercing; having a keen edge; having an acute point; not blunt.  
If we had nought but sense, each living wight,  
Which we call brute, would be more sharp than we.

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Sharp to the world, but thoughtless of renown,  
They plot not on the stage, but on the town.

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There is nothing makes men sharper, and sets their hands and wits more at work, than want.

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Many other things belong to the material world, wherein the sharpest philosophers have never yet arrived at clear and distinct ideas.

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To sharp ey'd reason this would seem untrue;  
But reason I through love's false optics view.

5. Sour without affinity; four but not auftere; acid.  
So we, if children young diseased we find,  
Anoint with sweets the yel's foremost parts,  
To make them taste the potions sharp we give;  
They drink deceiv'd, and so deceiv'd they live.

6. Sharp tasted citrons Median climes produce;  
Bitter the rind, but generous is the juice.  
Different simple ideas are sometimes expressed by the same word, as sweet and sharp are applied to the objects of hearing and tasting.

7. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
If he should intend his voyage towards my wife, I would turn her looke to him; and what he gets more of her than sharp words, let it lie on my head.

8. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
How often may we meet with those who are one while courteous, but within a small time after are so supercilious, sharp, troublesome, fierce and exceptious, that they are not only short of the true character of friendship, but become the very lores and burdens of society!

9. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
Cease contention: be thy words severe,  
Sharp as he merits; but the sword forbear.

10. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
There, gentle Hermia, may I marry thee;  
And to that place the sharp Athenian law  
Cannot pursue us.

11. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
My faulcon now is sharp and passing empty,  
And 'till the stoop, the moust not be full gorg'd;  
For then the never looks upon her lure.

12. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
The sharp desire I had  
Of tasting.

13. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
That she may feel  
How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is,  
To have a thankless child.

14. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
He caus'd his father's friends to be cruelly tortured; grieving to see them live to whom he was so much beholden, and therefore rewarded them with such sharp payment.

15. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
His final remedy, and after life  
Try'd in sharp tribulation, and refin'd  
By faith, and faithful works.

16. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
It is a very small comfort that a plain man, lying under a sharp fit of the stone, receives from this sentence.

17. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
Fierce; ardent; fiery.  
Their piety feign'd;  
In sharp contest of battle found no aid.

18. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
A sharp assault already is begun;  
Their murdering guns play fiercely on the walls.

19. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
Sharp at her utmost ken the cast her eyes,  
And somewhat floating from afar descends.

20. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
Is a man bound to look out sharp to plague himself, and to take care that he slips no opportunity of being unhappy?

21. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
A clergyman, established in a competent living, is not under the necessity of being to sharp and exalting.

22. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
Acid; biting; pinching; piercing, as the cold.  
The windpipe is continually moistened with a glutinous humour, issuing out of small glandules in its inner coat, to fence it against the sharp air.

23. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
Nor here the sun's meridian rays had pow'r,  
Nor wind sharp piercing, nor the rushing show'r,  
The verdant arch so close its texture kept.

24. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
Subtle; nice; witty; acute.  
Sharp and subtle discourses procure very great applause; but being laid in the balance with that which found experience plainly delivereth, they are overweighed.

25. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
The instances you mention are the strongest and sharpest that can be urged.

26. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
[Among workmen.] Hard.  
They make use of the sharpest sand, that being best for mortar, to lay bricks and tiles in.

27. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
His visage drawn he felt to sharp and spare.

28. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
1. A sharp or acute sound.  
It is the lark that sings so out of tune,  
Straining harsh discords and unpleasing sharps.

2. A pointed weapon; small sword; rapier.  
If butchers had but the manners to go to sharp, gentlemen would be contented with a rubber at cuffs.

3. Severe; harsh; biting; sarcastic.  
To SHARP. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To make keen.  
Whom the whetstone sharp to eat,  
They cry, millstones are good meat.

To SHARP. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To play thievish tricks.  
I live upon what's my own, whereas your scandalous life is only cheating or sharpening, one half of the year, and starving the other.

To SHARPEN. *v. a.* [from sharp.]  
1. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
The weaker their helps are, the more their need is to sharpen the edge of their own industry.

2. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
The Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen every man his share and his coulter.

3. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword.

4. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
The grating of a saw when sharpen'd, offends so much as it fetters the teeth on edge.

5. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
Th' squadron bright, sharpening in mooned horns  
Their phalanx.

6. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
It may contribute to his misery, heighten the anguish, and sharpen the sting of conscience, and so add fury to the everlasting flames, when he shall reflect upon the abuse of wealth and greatness.

7. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
No; 'tis resistance that inflames desire;  
Sharpen the darts of love, and blows the fire.

8. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
E're ten moons had sharpen'd either horn,  
To crown their bliss, a lovely boy was born.

9. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
Her nails are sharpen'd into pointed claws,  
Her hands bear half her weight and turn to paws.

10. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
To make quick, ingenious, or acute.  
Overmuch quickness of wit, either given by nature, or sharpen'd by study, doth not commonly bring greatest learnings, best manners, or happiest life in the end.

11. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
To make quicker of sense.  
Th' air sharpen'd his visual ray

12. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
To objects distant far.

13. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
To make eager or hungry.  
Sharpen with cloyless sauce his appetite.

14. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
Such an assurance as will sharpen mens desires and quicken their endeavours for obtaining a lesser good, ought to inspire men with more vigour in pursuit of what is greater.

15. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
To make fierce or angry.  
Mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

16. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
To make biting, or sarcastic.  
My haughty soul would swell;  
Sharpen each word, and threaten in my eyes.

17. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
To make less fat, and more piercing to the ears.  
Enclosures not only preserve found, but encrease and sharpen it.

18. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
To make four.  
SHARPEN. *n. f.* [from sharp.] A tricking fellow; a petty thief; a rascal.

19. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
Sharps, as pikes, prey upon their own kind.

20. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
He should retrench what he lost to sharps, and spent upon puppet-plays, to apply it to that use.

21. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
I only wear it in a land of Hector's,  
Thieves, supercargo's, sharps, and directors.

22. To make keen; to edge; to point.  
SHARPLY. *adv.* [from sharp.]  
1. With keenness; with good edge or point.  
Severely; rigorously; roughly.

2. Severely; rigorously; roughly.  
They are more sharply to be chastised and reformed than the rude Irish, which being very wild at the first, are now become more civil.

3. Severely; rigorously; roughly.  
Keenly; acutely; vigorously.  
The mind and memory are more sharply exercised in comprehending another man's things than our own.

4. Severely; rigorously; roughly.  
Afflictively; painfully.  
At the arrival of the English ambassadors the soldiers were sharply assailed with wants.

5. Severely; rigorously; roughly.  
With quickness.  
You contract your eye when you would see sharply; and erect your ear when you would hear attentively.

6. Severely; rigorously; roughly.  
Judiciously; acutely; wittily.  
SHARPNESS. *n. f.* [from sharp.]  
1. Keenness of edge or point.

2. Keenness of edge or point.  
Palladius neither suffering us nor himself to take in hand the party till the afternoon; when we were to fight in troops, not differing otherwise from earnest, but that the sharpness of the weapons was taken away.

3. Keenness of edge or point.  
A second glance came gliding like the first;  
And he who saw the sharpness of the dart,  
Without defence receiv'd it in his heart.

4. Keenness of edge or point.  
Force consisteth in the roundings and raisings of the work, according as the limbs do more or less require it; so as the beholder shall spy no sharpness in the bordering lines.

5. Keenness of edge or point.  
There is a sharpness in vinegar, and there is a sharpness in pain, in sorrow, and in reproach; there is a sharp eye, a sharp wit, and a sharp sword: but there is not one of these severe sharpnesses the same as another of them; and a sharp east wind is different from them all.

6. Keenness of edge or point.  
SHATTER. *v. a.* [from the verb.] To break in pieces; to break so as to scatter the parts.  
He rais'd a sigh so piteous and profound,  
That it did seem to shatter all his bulk,  
And rend his being.

7. Keenness of edge or point.  
Ye myrtles brown, with ivy never fear,  
I come to pluck your berries harsh and crude;  
And with forc'd fingers rude  
Shatter your leaves before the mellowing year.

8. Keenness of edge or point.  
They escape dissolution, because they can scarce ever meet with an agent minute, and swiftly enough moved, to shatter or dislocate the combined parts.

9. Keenness of edge or point.  
A monarchy was shattered to pieces, and divided amongst revolted subjects, into a multitude of little governments.

10. Keenness of edge or point.  
Black from the stroke above, the smouldring pine  
Stands as a shatter'd trunk.

11. Keenness of edge or point.  
To dissipate; to make incapable of close and continued attention.  
A man of a loose, volatile and shattered humour, thinks only by fits and starts.

12. Keenness of edge or point.  
To SHATTER. *v. n.* To be broken, or to fall, by any force applied, into fragments.  
Of bodies, some are fragil; and some are tough and not fragil; and in the breaking, some fragil bodies break but where the force is; some shatter and fly in many places.

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